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Communication, Networking and Future Events

- Joint statement:
 - FEAD co-signs a joint statement to call for EU to set up the necessary criteria for the eligibility of waste-to-energy activities. This is indispensable for the circular economy.
 - Read the full joint statement [here](#).
- ESWET Panel discussion: waste to energy – the beauty and the beast
 - On 25th of October, FEAD's general secretary Valerie Plainemaison will participate as a speaker on the panel discussion. [Here](#) you can find the draft agenda. Register [here](#).

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- Target Revision of the Regulation on CLP
 - The Commission opened a **Public Consultation on the Targeted Revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP)** ([here](#)).
 - FEAD prepared a [draft response](#) and send it to members and extended the deadline for feedback. Please provide us

with your feedbacks by the 5th of November.

- **Environmental impact of photovoltaic modules, inverters, and systems:**
 - The Commission is opened a Public Consultation on the **Roadmap for the environmental impact of photovoltaic modules, inverters, and systems** ([here](#)).
 - FEAD would like to know if we should give feedback on the need for a legislative action. Please provide us with **your feedback by the 25th of October**.
- **General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):**
 - 6th October, the Commission has opened the public consultation on the **draft General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)**.
 - It widens up the scope of existing provisions on aid for recycling and re-utilisation of waste, by also covering investment aid for other investments that aim at increasing the level of resource efficiency or contributing to the transition towards a circular economy.
 - FEAD is preparing a draft response and send it to members in the upcoming days.
- **FEAD provided feedback to consultations:**
 - 18th October 2021: FEAD provided **feedback to the Correspondent's Guidelines No 12 on the classification of plastic waste**.

FEAD attended the 41st CARACAL Meeting CLP Delegated Acts (18th ATP). Certain substances of the list of entries to be included in Annex VI of CLP (RAC recommendations for harmonised classifications 2020) was open for discussion by members and observers. 39 new entries and 17 modified entries were recommended by RAC for inclusion in Annex VI, Part 3 of CLP. One existing entry is replaced by two new ones and will be deleted. Commented substances were among others, NH₄Br, DTPA, Divanadium pentoxide, V₂O₅, Melamine, HMDZ-treated SAS.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment:**
 - 21st October 2021: The Commission presented a Report on the exercise of power to adopt delegated acts under EU rules on the collection of waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).
- **End-of-Life Vehicles:**
 - 21st October 2021: The co-legislators did not respond to the Commission's Staff Working Document on the evaluation of the End-of-life Vehicles Directive.
- **Recovery of Waste in Non-OECD Countries:**
 - 21st October 2021: The Commission Regulation amends Commission Regulation (EC) No 1418/2007 concerning the export of recovery of certain waste to certain non-OECD countries. It provides an updated list of non-OECD countries where waste can be exported for recovery under EU rules on waste shipments.
- **Sewage Sludge Directive:**
 - 21st October 2021: The Commission amended the draft Implementing Decision by updating the format for reporting. Furthermore the Waste Technical Adaptation Committee have been made available the [minutes](#) of the meeting on 27th May 2021.
- **Commission Work Programme 2022:**
 - 19th October 2021: The [Commission Work Programme 2022](#) was presented.
 - In its Work Programme, the Commission confirmed its intention on several topics:

- present a measure addressing the release of **microplastics in the environment** during the last quarter of 2022
 - present a Communication to establish a policy framework for **biobased, biodegradable or compostable plastics** during the second quarter of 2022
 - merge the revision of the **ELVs Directive** with the revision of **3R Type-Approval Directive** on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their reusability, recyclability.
- **Waste Framework Directive: Average Loss Rates:**
 - The Council has extended the period for raising objections to the Commission's Delegated Decision on the calculation, verification and reporting of the weight of materials removed and not recycled after sorting, based on average loss rates by 2 months.
 - **Waste Batteries:**
 - 18th October 2021: The revision of the Batteries and Accumulators Directive casts doubts on the adoption of additional requirements for the treatment and recycling of waste batteries out of the EU. The Commission is unlikely to adopt additional requirements.
 - **Monitoring Framework for a circular economy:**
 - 15th October 2021: The Commission is expected to present a revised monitoring framework for a circular economy. In particular, the revised monitoring framework would improve interlinkages between circularity, climate neutrality and the zero-pollution ambition.
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- Eleven European countries signed a joint paper that highlights the need for an “ambitious and comprehensive” strategy that covers the whole value chain.
 - Read more about the joint paper [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **Closed loop recycling in Europe: what helps and what hinders? – Wednesday, 27 October 2021 | 14:30 – 15:45 CET**
 - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss the policy initiatives and measures that can help or, on the contrary, hinder closed loop recycling of packaging in Europe.
 - If interested, you may [register here](#).
 - **Working towards a stronger circular economy – how much regulation is needed? – Tuesday, 09 November 2021 | 09:30 – 10:45 CET**
 - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan and whether its new initiatives, such as the digital product passport, will achieve the transparency for products that policymakers are looking for. And how easy will it be for industry, big and small, to comply with?
 - If interested, you may [register here](#).
 - **“Review” of the Concessions Directive online event – Monday, 15 November 2021 | 10:00 – 16:00 CET**
 - DG GROW is organising an online event about the “review” of the Concessions Directive. The meeting will start with a morning session (10:00 to 12:00) regarding the implementation and functioning of the Concessions Directive. The afternoon session (14:30 to 16:00) will focus on the exclusion of the water sector from the Directive.
 - More information, [here](#).
 - If interested, you may [register here](#).
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